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1. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A VALID ASSESSMENT OF GUB USE OF THE FIRST HELICOPTERS DELIVERED COULD BE MADE BY EARLY SEPTEMBER, WE CANNOT BE SURE OF THIS FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED REFTEL PARA 3. IN ANY CASE, SIGNATURE OF A NEW PROAG WILL TAKE SOME TIME WHILE THE GUB BUREAUCRACY GRINDS AWAY, AND WE DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR US TO HAVE TO PRESS FOR A SIGNATURE IN TIME FOR SEPTEMBER 30 DEADLINE.

2. ASSUMING THAT GUB UTILIZATION OF THE FIRST HELICOPTERS IS EFFECTIVE, WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE THIS FACT AND PROPOSE A NEW PROAG TO GUB FOR ADDITIONAL SIX OR TWELVE BY OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER, IN TIME FOR SIGNATURE BY DECEMBER 31. IN THE INTERESTS OF PROMPT DELIVERY, HOWEVER, WE FAVOR ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH BELL PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF NEW AGREEMENT WITH GUB. AS INDICATED RANGOON 61, WE BELIEVE THE SMALL RISK OF HAVING TO TERMINATE CONTRACT WITH RESULTANT FINANCIAL LOSS IS OUTWEIGHED BY ADVANTAGES OF FASTER DELIVERY AND PERHAPS LOWER COST.

3. WITH DELIVERY OF FIRST SIX AIRCRAFT DRAWING NEARER, BELIEVE IT

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WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR US TO BEGIN DISCUSSION WITH BURMA AIR

FORCE OVER THE TYPE OF INFORMATION WE WILL NEED TO ASSESS UTILIZATION OF HELICOPTERS. WE PLAN TO SUGGEST THAT BAF UTILIZE AN APPROPRIATE SYMBOL FOR NARCOTICS-RELATED MISSIONS IN TITS FLIGHT LOGS, AND THAT ON A MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY BASIS WE BE SUPPLIED WITH TOTAL MISSIONS AND HOURS FLOWN BY EACH AIRCRAFT, AND MISSIONS AND HOURS ON NARCOTICS-RELATED ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, WE HOPE BAF WILL GIVE US, ORALLY AND INFORMALLY, SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF HOW THE AIRCRAFT ARE USED. BEFORE DISCUSSING SUBJECT WITH BAF, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS TO ANY OTHER TYPES OF INFORMATION NEEDED FOR ASSESSMENT OF UTILIZATION.

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